THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 6th August 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS.

Sri K. Kamaraj Nadar and Sri T. Manavalan were sworn in.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Celebration of 'Thiruvalluvar Day' in Secondary Schools.

* 1097 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIYANDI (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have issued instructions to the Headmasters of Secondary Schools to celebrate 'Thiruvalluvar Day' under the auspices of Students' Literary Association;

(*b*) whether according to such instructions the expenditure for such celebration can be met from the funds of the Association; and

(*c*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Director has issued proceedings in the matter.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The expenditure connected with the celebrations may be met from the funds of the Literary Associations of schools."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know which day has been chosen as 'Tiruvalluvar Day' to perpetuate Thiruvalluvar's memory? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Any day may be chosen by the schools concerned."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Is this applicable to Malabar High schools also? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no prohibition, Sir."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" திருவள்ளுவர் நாளைக் கொண்டாடுவதற்கு பள்ளிக்கூடங்களில் திருவள்ளுவர் தினத்தன்று விடுமுறை அளிக்க சர்க்கார் உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no particular day known as 'Thiruvalluvar Day'. It is only an occasion to commemorate the memory of the great poet."

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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" குறிப்பிட்ட ஒரு தினத்தில் திருவள்ளுவர் தினத்தைக் கொண்டாடவேண்டுமென்று குறிப்பிடாததினுல், திருவள்ளுவர் எப்பொழுது பிறந்தார், எப்பொழுது இறநதார் என்பதை ஆராயச்சி செய் வதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஒரு கமிட்டியை ஏற்படுதத உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is already enough research and enough confusion on the subject."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what the object in celebrating and observing this day is? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" He is a great poet. This day is celebrated or observed so that sufficient enthusiasm may be created among the people for the study of Thiruvalluvar's works."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" இம்மாதிரி இதர பெரும் புலவர்களுடைய பிறந்த தினத்தைக் கொண்டாடுவதறகு சர்க்கார் அனுமதித்திருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In my humble view. there is no other equally great poet."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. the Minister for Education aware of the fact that there is an era commencing from 'Thiruvalluvar Andu'? If so, may I know why the first day of this 'Andu' be not chosen for the celebration of the 'Thiruvalluvar Day'? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It may not be very convenient to follow the same day for all the schools."

Dispute between the management and the workers of the R.V.G. Beedi Factory, Palghat, Malabar.

* 1098 *Q.*—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recently received any memorandum regarding the dispute between the management and the workers of the R.V.G. Beedi Factory, Palghat, Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The dispute has been referred to the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore, for adjudication."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" It is more than one year since the dispute has arisen and the Labour department is postponing its decision in the matter. As such an attitude on the part of the department will only disappoint the workers, may I know whether the Government will expedite the matter and take action to afford proper protection to the workers? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, a memorandum was received from the Union concerned and from certain hon. Members of this Assembly in December. Then